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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

SUBJECT : Letter from the Secretary of Commerce to DCI,
16 June 1953

1. The project concerning International Population Statistics was initiated by CIA as a function of common concern under the provisions of the National Security Act, at the request of an inter-departmental committee which included representatives of the IAC agencies, Bureau of the Census and the Department of Labor. This committee has been replaced by the EIC Subcommittee on Population and Manpower.

2. Because the Bureau of the Census was the obvious agency to perform the research, collation and interpretative analysis for the demographic studies, a contract was made between CIA and the Bureau of the Census for the project. ORR/CIA provides the chairman of the review board and also provides operational liaison. Monthly progress reports are submitted. All manuscripts are reviewed by CIA and the Department of State before publication.

3. The project was reviewed and approved at the EIC Subcommittee on Population and Manpower meeting on 11 December 1952. A telephone canvass was made on 19 June 1953 and the members of the Subcommittee were unanimous in their endorsement of the project. This has been put on the agenda for the next EIC Subcommittee meeting. Formal endorsement will be made at that time.

4. The opinions of HICOG and of the Statistisches Bundesamt concerning the study of West Germany are attached.

5. The project has been running for three years and started out at a cost of [redacted] per year owing to in-grade increases, etc.

6. To date, studies on Israel, Czechoslovakia and West Germany have been completed. (Copies attached.) In production are studies on Poland (to be issued shortly), Hungary and Yugoslavia (50% complete), and Manchuria (1/3 complete).

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